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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT CONCERNING
TUNISIAN WATCHMEN ON BOARD U.S. VESSELS

1. THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM THE COAST GUARD
A COMPLAINT FROM THE SS SHIRLEY LYKES CONCERNING THE NEED
TO EMPLOY TUNISIAN WATCHMEN WHILE DOCKED AT TUNIS, THEIR
NEGLIGENCE, AND THEIR ABUSIVE AND THREATENING BEHAVIOR.
THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE EMBASSY COULD
LOOK INTO THESE THREE MATTERS. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT
OF THE SHIP'S LOG WHICH OUTLINES THE COMPLAINT.

2. "SS SHIRLEY LYKES, 7/6/78, TUNIS, TUNISIA; VESSEL
DOCKED AT 1558. 2020 TWO SHORE WATCHMEN REPORT ABOARD
VESSEL, AND IMMEDIATELY GO TO CREW MESSHALL FOR COFFEE.

2130 BOTH WATCHMEN LEAVE VESSEL TO FISH ON DOCK. BOTH
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WATCHMEN ARE INFORMED THAT THEY ARE DISMISSED. REPLACED
BY CREW A.B.

AT 2200 A POLICEMAN BOARDED THE VESSEL AND INFORMED THE
MATE ON WATCH THAT IT WAS PERMISSABLE FOR THE WATCHMEN TO
FISH ON THE DOCK, AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE FIRED.

2230 ONE WATCHMAN "MAHOUD" RETURNS TO VESSEL AND
THREATENS MATE ON WATCH WITH VIOLENCE.

7/8/78 1100 HOURS

A TUNISIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL BOARDS THE VESSEL AND
INFORMS THE MASTER THAT IT IS PORT REGULATION TO EMPLOY
TUNISIAN WATCHMEN. (THIS IS NOT TRUE).

7/8/78 1200 HOURS

TWO SHORE WATCHMEN BOARD VESSEL. AT 2000 ONE WATCHMAN
IS REPLACED BY MAHOUD, THE WATCHMAN WHO PREVIOUSLY
THREATENED THE MATE ON WATCH." CHRISTOPHER

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